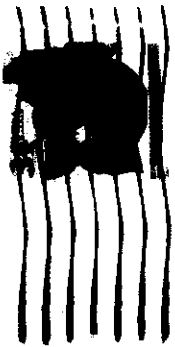


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January 16, 2002

Dear Honorable Michael K. Powell,

I am writing to you today to ask you to consider supporting the ECHOSTAR/Direct TV merger that is before the F.C.C.

The merger will free up spectrum currently used by the two companies and will be available in 100 markets, versus the 40 now currently available.

I also believe that the merger would provide better service, more choices, more competitive pricing and a viable alternative to cable companies.

The proposed merger would also give rural areas better access for high speed internet access via the satellite system. Businesses and schools would benefit greatly by this merger, as they wouldn't have to rely on a cable modem service or a DSL line, which is too costly to build up in rural areas. Rural areas should have the same access to technology that I currently enjoy at home and in my small business.

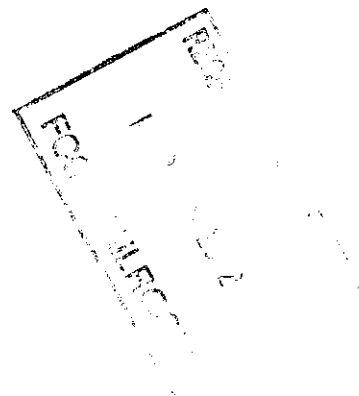
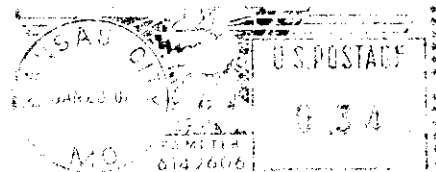
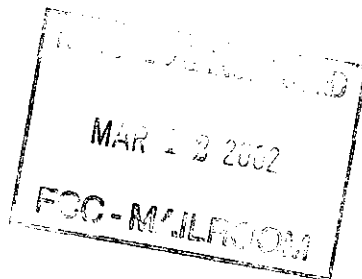
Thank you for considering your support in the ECHOSTAR/Direct TV merger that is now before the F.C.C.

Sincerely,

  
Alison Barnes Martin



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January 23, 2002

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am contacting you to ask your support for the Echostar/Direct TV merger. The benefits to consumers will mean more programming choices and competitive pricing. This merger, if approved by the F.C.C. and D.O.J., will provide an excellent alternative to Cable TV. Today Cable TV controls nearly 80% of the pay TV household market with little or no competition because of their franchises. Real competition will only keep rapidly growing cable prices down and be an incentive for them to give the consumer better service.

The underserved rural areas will also benefit from the merger because of the potential use of interactive TV and broadband Internet access in schools and businesses. The cost to install cable in rural areas is very high, and Direct Broadcast Satellite TV is relatively cheap because it is just a simple matter of hooking a small satellite dish to your TV; the infrastructure is already in place. I encourage you to look at the facts, and I hope you can support this merger.

Sincerely,

Kathryn J. Shields  
Jackson County Executive

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# PRAGMATIC MARKETING

February 20, 2002

**The Honorable Michael K. Powell**  
**Chairman**  
**Federal Communications Commission**  
**445-12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.**  
**Washington, D.C. 20544**

Dear Commissioner Powell:

I urge you to deny the merger of EchoStar/DIRECTV. Having read many of the comments already filed, it is obvious to me that the proponents of the merger have staged a public relations campaign to get people to submit "form letter" comments. The fact that each letter contains the same wording about how the merger would "eliminate duplicative programming" tells me these are lobbyist robots pelting you with lots of quantity but little thought.

This merger would create a monopoly for which nobody could compete. This monopoly would permit unlimited price hikes and lead to poor customer service. Why do you think the cable company has such a poor reputation?

My biggest concern is the cost of equipment that I have invested in which would become useless if this merger is permitted. During the last year, the personal video recorder has become very popular. Under the name ReplayTV and Tivo, these units are very expensive (about \$400) and some require additional service charges. I own three of these units along with five other receivers. In all, I have over \$2,500 invested in equipment.

I believe that EchoStar claims that they will "replace" the equipment with their own. Well, I've tried their offering (ReplayTV) and I don't like or want it. I love my Tivos and don't want to give them up. Do we really believe that EchoStar is going to replace all of the equipment that DirecTV owners possess with comparable or better units without charge?

**You better get that promise in writing! Where am I to go if they don't live up to their promises?**

Regards,

**Craig W. Stull**  
President, CEO

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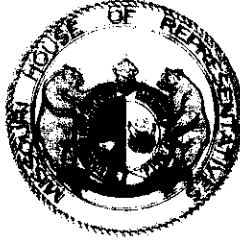
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January 23, 2002

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20544

**Re: EchoStar Communications & Hughes Electronics Merger**

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to encourage your favorable consideration of the pending merger of EchoStar Communications and Hughes Electronics which is before the Department of Justice. While there are some who argue that the merger will inhibit competition, I believe that the new company will pave the way for greater competition with the cable companies who control about 80% of the pay television households in the United States.

The new company will also be able to reach additional markets because of the programming and administrative efficiencies realized by the proposed merger. Rural areas, such as my legislative district, many times do not have access to high speed Internet service. Direct broadcast satellite TV offered by the newly merged company will be able to provide interactive educational programs in many schools. This is just another example of permitting a viable competitor to deliver more program choices and improved services.

I encourage you to review the facts and hope that you can support the merger.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blaine Luetkemeyer".

Blaine Luetkemeyer  
115th District

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